

Volunteering and Mutual Aid

Community Engaged Learning



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Video Call Protocols

- **We are recording the presentations for online sharing**
- During the presentation:
 - Disable your video
 - Mute your microphone
 - Use the chat to communicate
- During group discussion:
 - Turn on your video (if you want)
 - Set your view to grid
 - Put a * in the chat to speak and the facilitator will call on you
 - Mute your microphone when not speaking



Agenda

- Group introductions
- Who is Community Engaged Learning?
 - What programs, workshops, and events do we offer?
- Volunteering
 - Benefits
 - Opportunities
 - COVID-19 considerations
- Mutual Aid Program
 - What is mutual aid
 - How to get involved



Introductions

- What's your name?
- Where are you from?
- What are you studying?
- Where in the city do you live?
- What kind of volunteering are you interested in?



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Community Engaged Learning

We help students to:

- Develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that help you work well with community
- Work in collaboration with fellow students and members of the wider community
- Get connected to community members, organizations, and opportunities for community work
- Find the right communities to work with and your role in community work



Community Engaged Learning

We offer:

- Local community programs
- Northern and international travel programs
- Online and in-person training workshops
- On- and off-campus community events
- Community engagement advising



Community Engaged Learning

CEL Coordinators



Anny Chen

- Poverty awareness
- Northern community engagement



Nicki Ferland

- Land-based education
- Local community engagement



Gera Villagrán

- Mutual aid
- International community engagement



Volunteering

What are the benefits of volunteering?

- Make connections and build a sense of community with other UM students
- Learn about community organizations in Winnipeg
- Gain experience in the non-profit sector and community organizing and work
- Develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes that are transferable to personal, academic, and professional settings



Volunteering

Where can I find volunteer opportunities?

- Volunteer Manitoba
- Career Connect

What are some special considerations for volunteering during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- *Volunteering during COVID-19: a how-to guide*
 - <http://umanitoba.ca/careerservices/volunteering-during-covid-19>



Mutual Aid Program

Students helping students

What is mutual aid?

- Mutual aid is a way for people to help each other through the sharing of goods and services
- Mutual aid is reciprocal in nature and operates in solidarity with others, rather than taking a charitable approach of one group helping another group
- Mutual aid is non-hierarchical and believes in striving for self-direction in action and zero barriers to accessing resources



Mutual Aid Program

Students helping students

What are our plans for Summer 2020?

- Phase 1: Information and resource hub
 - Share information on university policies and available resources from the university, government, and community
- Phase 2: Student learning communities
 - Create platforms and connections for students to study together and support each other's learning
- Phase 3: Peer support



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How can students get involved?

- Recruiting a group of volunteer student organizers
- Orientation and training provided
- Central role in creating and supporting platforms for students to help students, including email, social media, chat, phone line, and more



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How can students apply to be an organizer?

- Email us at service.learning@umanitoba.ca
- Follow us on social media for the application link, which goes live on May 25:
 - FB: <https://www.facebook.com/umservicelearning/>
 - Insta: <https://instagram.com/umservicelearning>



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Students helping students

If you're interested in joining a mutual aid society that already provides direct support:

- MAS (mutual aid society) Winnipeg
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/220944599058149/>
- We got this – Winnipeg
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/197506111482159/>
- Caremongering – Winnipeg Community Response...
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/524262371566511/>





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